

PROGRAM UPDATE



August 19, 2015

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) continues to accept attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. In Program Year 2012, more than **\$63 million** in incentive payments were made to eligible health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption, implementation or upgrade (AIU) and Meaningful Use (MU) of certified EHR technology. Payments for Program Year 2013 total more than **\$48 million** while Program Year 2014 payments total more than **\$19.6 million**.

Reminder! - 2015 Modifications to Meaningful Use and the EHR Incentive Program

Long summer days and vacations can easily make you forget about MU, but big changes are on the horizon. At the time of publishing, the final rule for the 2015-2017 Modifications to Meaningful Use has not yet been released but it is the perfect time to reacquaint yourselves with it. Earlier this spring, CORHIO recorded a webinar about the proposed changes expected to start in 2015 and you can view it [here](#).

A few of the proposed changes to the EHR Incentive Program include:

- 90-day EHR Reporting Period for all EPs and EHs in 2015 only
- EHs will report on the calendar year starting in 2015
- Starting in 2016, all EPs and EHs will report on Stage 2 regardless of the previous year attestation

Some of the proposed changes to Meaningful Use include:

- The removal of redundant objectives
- All objectives will be required with some exclusions available
- Measure 2 of the Patient Electronic Access objective has been changed from 5% to one (1) patient per EHR Reporting Period
- Secure Electronic Messaging for EPs has been to a Yes/No measure for the capability to be enabled
- E-Prescribing is required for EHs (previously a Menu objective)

New! - CORHIO's Meaningful Use Blog

Along with the brand new design for CORHIO's website, www.corhio.org, CORHIO has introduced a series of blogs including one dedicated to Meaningful Use. In addition to the monthly newsletter on the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, EPs and EHs will now have access to changes to the program and to Meaningful Use as they happen. To start following the MU blog, click [here](#).

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Save the Date – CORHIO 2015 Health IT Boot Camp

Due to the anticipated changes to Meaningful Use and the EHR Incentive Programs and to the numerous advances in the Health IT field including HIE and quality reporting, CORHIO is organizing a 2015 Health IT Boot Camp. The event will be free and [registration](#) is open now.

The topics will include:

- Meaningful Use Stage 2 & 3 – final rulings from CMS
- Health Information Exchange
- Medical Home Recognition
- Quality Reporting

Colorado Medicaid and CHP+ Provider Revalidation & Enrollment Begins September 15, 2015

New **federal regulations** established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) **require enhanced screening and revalidation** of all Medicare, **Medicaid**, and CHP+ providers.

Beginning September 15, 2015, all Colorado providers who want to continue, or begin, providing services to Medicaid and CHP+ members after March 31, 2016, will be required to revalidate and enroll under new federal enrollment screening criteria. To meet these new requirements, as well as to ensure that you are enrolled in our new claims processing system, Colorado providers must revalidate using our new Online Provider Enrollment (OPE) tool. Although our new OPE tool will launch in September of 2015, we are asking that you complete your revalidation during your assigned [revalidation and enrollment “wave”](#).

Based on CMS’ provider type and risk designation, the revalidation process may include a criminal background check, fingerprinting, and unannounced site visits – including pre-enrollment site visits for some providers. Visit our [provider resources page](#) for information [specific to your provider type](#) and [information specific to the HCBS service provided](#) (if applicable). **Providers who fail to revalidate and enroll by March 31, 2016 may have their claims suspended or denied.**

Revalidation & Enrollment Training Announcement

Enrollment Application Training

Online self-paced training for the new Colorado Online Provider Enrollment (OPE) tool.

Who: All interested providers

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When: Modules available online anytime beginning August 24, 2015

Where: Online via eLearning modules

Please visit the [Provider Resources](#) page to register!

Updated Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Event	Status/Expected Date
CO R&A System begins accepting Medicaid & Medicare Meaningful Use attestations	Now Open!
First incentive payments issued to EPs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid!
First incentive payments issues to EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	Paid!
CO R&A System opens for EHs to attest to 2014 Stage 1 and Stage 2 Meaningful Use for FFY 2014	Program Year Closed
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to 2014 Stage 1 for program year 2014	Program Year Closed
CO R&A System opens for EPs and EHs to attest to 2013 Stage 1 Objectives for the 2014 Flexibility Rule	Program Year Closed
CO R&A System open for EPs and EHs to attest to 2015 Meaningful Use	Tentatively Scheduled for January 1, 2016

Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department has partnered with CORHIO to provide program coordination and assist with provider communications and outreach regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator will be the central point of contact for EPs, EHs, partners and other interested parties on requirements, processes and questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator, Tracy McDonald, can be reached at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720.285.3232.

Xerox has been contracted by the Department to manage the Provider Outreach Page and to provide the Colorado R&A System, including the web portal through which eligible providers can register and attest to receive the EHR incentive payments.